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(* Again, and as always, we thank you. This ends the *)
(* closed circuit with Newsline report number 949 for release *)
(* on Friday, October 20, 1995 to follow. *)

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The following is a QST

Problems in the land of repeater coordination. The state of Indiana and the Southeastern Repeater Association say NO to an ARRL SPOC. Also the FCC liberalizes high frequency digital rules once again and ham radio saves a shooting victim's life.

These stories and more on Newsline Report number 949 coming your way right now!

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THE TROUBLE WITH SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT

Controversy is growing following the October 7th repeater coordinator's meeting in St. Louis. While coordinators voted overwhelmingly to let the American Radio Relay League serve as a Single Point of Contact between coordinators and the FCC at least one coordination council is claiming that the ARRL lied about its role in planning the meeting. And another large umbrella coordinating group says that it won't be part of the contact plan.

Just who ordered the October 7th meeting? That question is the center of controversy. For over a year, FCC officials privately have wanted the meeting to take place. For the Commission, having a single point of contact between the FCC and coordinating groups is appealing. It holds the promise of possibly making dealing with the nation's various coordinating groups easier. But the Indiana Repeater Council sez the ARRL lied to amateurs. Those charges follow a response to a question posed to FCC official Ralph Haller, N4RH, at the conference. Haller was asked about the FCC's role in forming a single point of contact:

"Did the FCC, yes or no, request a single point of contact from the coordination community?"

"No, OUT we did not request it. But it is an option that is on the table. I think there are frankly some advantages to it. But there are probably disadvantages to it as well. It is a model we use in other services. If it doesn't fit in the amateur service, so be it. But was there an official request from the FCC that there be a single point of contact? The answer is no. There has not been any official request of that." Haller

Bill Wells, WA8HSU, is Chairman of the Indiana group. He sez League officials stated several times that it was the FCC pushing for establishment of a single point of contact. Wells sez it was actually the League demanding that the Commission request a single point of contact. Wells describes the meeting as illegitimate

from start to finish. Opponents of the ARRL say the League conjured up the need for a single point of contact from the start. They feel the League's interest is politically and economically based. Critics of the meeting say the outcome was predetermined and did not follow basic parliamentary rules of order. From other comments the FCC's Ralph Haller made during the meeting, it's obvious that Commission officials were interested in the event's outcome.

"The model in this case, is that is used in private frequency, private land mobile frequency coordination. There it was determined there should be a single point of contact nationwide. Even though the coordination may well be done locally. For example PASCOC, the Police And Safety COordinators does all the coordination through local coordinators. But they provide to the FCC and to the other coordinators a single point of contact in Florida. And that is all that is suggested here." Haller

The FCC is interested in copying what's being done in England. There, repeater operation is administered by the national amateur radio society instead of the government agency that regulates telecommunications. In the past, the ARRL has told the FCC it had no interest in being the nation's repeater coordinator. League officials agreed, 'though to meet with Commission representatives to discuss the issue.

The single point of contact idea won't have the support of another coordinating group. SERA, the Southeastern Repeater Association sez it will not participate in the single point setup. David Shiplett, AC4MU, is President of SERA. He sez it's in SERA's best interests to maintain its own contacts with the FCC, as the Association has done in the past. Also being raised is the question of possible influence by any given League Division Director on specific coordination matters affecting the Director's region.

SERA is a major voice in amateur radio. The Association represents more than 2,000 repeaters in eight southeastern states. Shiplett sez that just as there can be more than one VEC program. The option should also exist to have more than one point of contact for handling coordination matters.

So, what does it mean to have groups like the Indiana Repeater Council and SERA not taking part in the single point of contact? They will essentially take the role of outsiders looking in, and won't be part of shaping how the single point of contact is run. Since most of the rest of the nation's coordinators are agreeable to the single point plan, both groups could find themselves having to deal with the League's single point system nonetheless if they try to bring a repeater problem directly to the FCC. And that

ultimately could affect coordination issues affecting your area.

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EMERGENCY USVI REPEATER

And speaking about repeaters, hams in the US Virgin Islands have an additional repeater on the air following Hurricane Marilyn, thanks to the ARRL.

When Marilyn hit the islands on September 16th, some local repeaters were put out of commission. ARRL USVI Section Manager Ron Hall, KP2N, said that a temporary repeater and a few 2 meter quarter-wave antennas would help the radio amateurs in St. Thomas to provide disaster relief communication until they can get all their repeaters repaired and operational again.

The league obtained a complete 2 meter repeater and shipped it to Hall, along with antennas. The repeater is in use on 146.81 mhz.

The equipment will eventually be returned to ARRL headquarters where it will be added to several two meter handheld radios kept at the ready for emergencies. These latter radios were last used by amateurs who helped the American Red Cross after Hurricane Iniki hit the Hawaiian Islands in September 1992. Before that, some of the equipment was used in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Hugo in 1989.

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HAM RADIO SAVES SHOOTING VICTIM

Amateur radio is credited with saving the life of a shooting victim. On Monday, September 25th, 40 year old Rory Clark, KD6RKL, of Citrus Heights, California was shot while standing at a bank automatic teller machine. Using his handheld transceiver, he called for help on a local repeater. The repeater owner and operator, Chris Huber, N6ICW, was listening and autopatched Clark directly to the areas 911 emergency response system. Huber then helped Clark in passing information to the "911" operator about his location, condition, and suspects. This assistance, and the ability to contact another ham immediately saved Clark's life.

The story was covered by all three television network affiliate stations. Their stories not only focused on the crime, but also on Clark's ability to call for help with his handheld.

Since then police have arrested two people in connection with the case. Rory Clark is back home and recovering and local hams in his area have set up a fund to assist Rory with his medical and living expenses. If you want to help a deserving ham in time of need you can send your donation to the Rory Clark Donation Fund, in care of the Sanwa Bank, 601 J Street, Sacramento,

California 95814. Meanwhile please join with us in wishing Rory Clark, KE6RKL a complete and speedy recovery.

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DIGITAL RULES CLARIFICATION

The FCC, responding to a request from the ARRL, has clarified its rules regarding amateur radio stations' use of digital codes. This as the result of a letter to the commission from the ARRL which said that some amateurs had expressed concern about the propriety of using the Clover, G-TOR, and PACTOR codes on bands below 30 mhz, because FCC rule 97.309, subpart A appeared to authorize only BAUDOT, AMTOR, and ASCII codes. The league told the commission that it had worked with the developers of CLOVER, G-TOR, and PACTOR to document the technical characteristics of those codes, and asked the FCC to remove any doubt about their legality on the High Frequency bands.

The FCC agreed, saying that the use of the three modes does not conflict with its objective of preventing the use of codes or ciphers intended to obscure the meaning of the communication. As a result the rule has been amended to include these modes.

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NORWAY BEACON

LA6LU reports that he has added two meter and 70 centimeter beacons to his Norwegian operation. Geir Laasted says as of midnight UTC on September 5th his two new beacons are on the air.

LA4VHF is running 380 watts out on 144.890 MHz while LA7UHF is on 432.830 MHz with 200 watts into an 8 element yagi pointing due north.

LA6LU says he is very interested in reports. Please send reports via bureau or direct to his Callbook address.

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GRANT AWARDED

Dewayne Hendricks, WA8DZP, of Fremont, California has been awarded a \$400,000 National Science Foundation grant to study the use of wireless communication in urban and rural schools in the state of Colorado. The study will seek to determine the usability limits imposed by issues surrounding radio data transfer as related to an educational environment. The end result of this research project is to will produce a widely needed objective analysis of wireless as a general connectivity solution for public education beyond highly controlled, costly, commercial-service or limited environments. There currently is no

such source of this data.

Hendricks is a member of the Future Systems Committee of the ARRL. One of the other members of the team is Bob Buass, K6KGS, from Southern California, the holder of the U.S. National Amateur Radio Spread Spectrum STA from the FCC.

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RS-15 NEWS

According to Pat Gowan, G3IOR the Russian Radiosport RS-15 ham satellite is suffering from severe power supply problems at this time, as it now goes off almost immediately upon entering earth eclipse, not to return until it 'sees' sunlight again. Using GM4IHJ's SATSUN program, G3IOR calculates that the satellite is currently suffering from some 28 minutes of zero battery charge per orbit, a whole orbit charge efficiency of only some 78%, which is insufficient to maintain either beacon or transponder operation from the obviously limited battery capacity. While G4CU0 and G4ZHG fear terminal loss of the functional system, G3IOR optimistically believes that it will again return back to normal operation when the period of solar illumination increases soon.

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SC - RIP

Smith Corona Corporation, the last major American typewriter manufacturer, filed for bankruptcy protection July 5th. The company says that the rise of personal computers had sent sales of typewriters plunging.

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NEWSREADERS NEEDED BY GB2RS

Two metre and 70 centimetre FM newsreaders are required urgently for GB2RS in the Cambridge - Mid-Anglia region. And a reserve newsreader is needed to cover for the GB2RS 80 meter broadcast by G5V0 in the East Yorkshire area. If you live in that part of Great Britain and would like to volunteer for either position, please contact Ian Kyle, GI8AYZ, as soon as possible.

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YOUNG WELSH HAM HONORED

The Radio Society of Great Britain's 1995 Young Amateur of the Year is 16 year old Leroy Kirby, GW0ULC, of Cardigan, Dyfed, Wales. On September 10 he received a check for 300 pounds from Britain's Radiocommunications Agency. The United Kingdoms FCC.

He also was given a Sony general coverage receiver and several other prizes.

Leroy has participated in Amateur Radio through both the Scouts and the Air Training Corps. The RSGB says that Leroy is actively involved with his local amateur radio emergency services and has managed to reactivate his local YMCA Amateur Radio Club. His main interest is packet radio and he has helped set up a new local bulletin board system.

Runner up is 15-year old Charles Banner, G7UBY/2E1CHY, of Birmingham who has been involved in teaching Novice licensing classes.

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ILLINOIS JOTA '95

The Fox River Radio League and The West Aurora Radio League, along with Amateur Radio Explorer Post #272, will be running a Jamboree On The Air '95, which will teach kid hams in the Northern Illinois region about ham radio, and contesting. We will hopefully run around 3A, or above, and some stations like N9YXA, that's me!, will be running the whole weekend nonstop, all day, all night just operating, and having fun. So, If you are in the Northern Illinois Area, or want to hear us, send email to N9YXA@aol.com or, FCWD43B.prodigy.com QSL's will be sent.

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DX

In DX, 9K2HN in Kuwait is activate with a new prefix from Kuwait using the callsign 9K0A. Be looking for him in the CQ WW SSB Contest and in upcoming special events. Depending on the propagation, he is active on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meters. QSL via 9K2HN by the bureau or direct to Hamad J. Al-Nusif, P.O. Box 29174, 13152, Safat, Kuwait.

Also YI1BGD in Iraq was heard on 18.125 MHz around 15:00 hours UTC. And YI1RS has been heard on 14.212 MHz around 15:45 UTC. Finally, YI1FC was heard on the Brazil DX Net weekdays 09:00-10:00Z 14.240 MHz. Adel states to QSL to his old callsign YI1AFC.

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PHOENIX ARC 2M CHALLENGE

Also, Irelands' Phoenix Amateur Radio Club has announced details of an Autumn Challenge for low power stations on 2 meters, using CW or SSB. The Challenge will run for the calendar month of October, and the scoring system is simple: one point per QSO on SSB and two points per QSO on CW.

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LAPD

A well known ham is the executive producer of one of the hottest new shows on television. Dave Bell, W6AQ, is the senior producer of L.A.P.D., the new reality-based program that depicts the day to day work of members of the Los Angeles Police Department.

In the vein of the highly successful series Cops, Dave's camera crews also ride along with real officers patrolling the streets of the nation's second largest city. But as W6AQ tells Newsline that's where the similarity between the two shows end.

"Cops is generally what police call patrol. Which is just out in the cars chasing the bad guys. And L.A.P.D., while it does a lot of that. Also follows detectives and it follows forensics. And it does the bomb squad, S.W.A.T and K-9 and mounted unit, helicopters and all the rest of it. In fact, what it is going to be doing is, it is going to be covering every aspect of police work that is done anywhere. Because every aspect of police work that is done anywhere is done in Los Angeles." Bell

Dave Bell, W6AQ, is an avid CW DXer who said in a recent interview that he views himself as a documentary film maker. Some of his TV credits include the very popular "Unsolved Mysteries" and "Nadia", a film about gymnast Nadia Comaneci.

In the late 1960's and during the 1970's he produced a number of highly acclaimed ham radio promotional films including the Hams Wide World, Moving up to Amateur Radio and the award winning The World of Amateur Radio.

Dave says that he and his producers are working closely with the Los Angeles Police Department to insure the accuracy of L.A.P.D. He also admits that hams who sit through to the very end of the credits may notice a kind of ham radio connection to the show:

"It's produced by a company called QRZ Media, Inc. QRZ in this particular case means is anybody out there watching." Bell

Which leads to a strange idea on our part. If you happen to be one of those people who watch L.A.P.D. why not let Dave Bell know about it. Consider dropping him a QSL card. Again his call is W6AQ and you can send your card to his callbook address.

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NEWSLINE LISTENER SURVEY

A reminder of the Newsline bulletin stations during the month of October. Handling the survey is Dale Cary, WD0AK0. If you are a regular Newsline listener, please take a moment to jot down on a post card or QSL card:

- 1) Your name and address.
- 2) The callsign of the repeater or bulletin station issuing Newsline in your area.
- 3) Its frequency or frequency pair.
- 4) The day of the week and time of day that Newsline gets played.

Then mail your report to:

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Or you can e-mail your report to Dale via the Internet to:

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We will run the survey through the end of October. If all goes as we hope, by Christmas we will post a complete list of stations airing Newsline to our various sites on the Internet and to our home page on the World Wide Web.

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And for this week, that's all from the Amateur Radio Newsline. You can write to us at:

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For now, with Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF at our editors desk and Dale Cary, WD0AK0 at the survey desk, we say 73 and we thank you for reading Newsline.

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